(c) According to the NATPAC Study, the reasons for high rate of accidents are fast-growing urbanisation, increase in transport activities due to economic growth, vehicle growth, traffic congestion, poor road conditions, poor enforcement of traffic rules etc.

The steps taken on a continuing basis to reduce accidents are tightening of rules and regulations for issue of driving licence, strict medical tests, vehicle certification tests, enforcement of safe axle weights, geometric inter-section improvements.

The State Governments have been advised for setting up of driver training schools to impart scientific and comprehensive training in driving and also implement scheme of highway patrolling.

Streamlining of D. T. C.

*338. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to streamline the administration and strengthen the vigilance cell of the Delhi Transport Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what short term and long term steps Government propose to take to meet the growing number of commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) DTC has reported that for the purpose of streamlining the administration, including its Vigilance Cell, the following steps have been initiated—

(i) Four Regional offices have been established and the administrative and operational functions are being decentralized with adequate delegation of powers;

(ii) Induction of professionalism in the management. To begin with, highly qualified 24 management trainees have been engaged to whom the detailed in-service training is being imparted before posting them on responsible positions;

(iii) Manning of Vigilance Cell by experts on deputation; and

(iv) Broad-basing of sources of recruitment to man operational posts.

(c) As for meeting the growing traffic requirements, DTC has planned augmentation of fleet by acquiring 408 buses during the current year. The steps are taken for improvement of maintenance facilities thereby improving the carrying capacity of existing fleet, vehicle utilization, fleet utilization and reduction in number of breakdowns. The operational efficiency is also planned to be stepped up by intensifying line checking and monitoring of operations.

Poor amenities for Participants of National Cultural Festival

*339. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' on the 8th November, 1986 under the caption "poor amenities at tent city";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the authority incharge of the tent city;

(c) what is the amount earmarked for providing facilities in the tent city; and

(d) what efforts were made to improve the conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Cultural Festival, Delhi Society, which is organising the festival has denied the allegation that the amenities provided to the participants at the tent city are poor. All the requisite facilities that could make the stay of participants at the tent city reasonably comfortable have been provided including water supply for drinking as well as for bathing, electricity, effective sanitation and Hygiene, good catering arrangements, good quality provisions duly tested by the Super Bazar Laboratory, hygienic fresh milk through Delhi Milk Supply Scheme, round the clock medical facilities, facilities for banking, telephone and post office, etc.

A retired Defence Services Officer has been put in-charge of the tent city.

(c) An amount of Rs. 74 lakhs has been earmarked for providing facilities at the tent city.

(d) All the necessary facilities have been provided to the participants at the tent city.

Demands of Delhi Adhyapak Parishad

*340. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Adhyapak Parishad had submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister in July, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the demands made therein and what action Government have taken on each demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) In a memorandum dated the 23rd July, 1986 submitted to the Prime Minister, Delhi Adhyapak Parishad mainly demanded revision of pay scales of school teachers in the light of the recommendations of the National Commission on Teachers-I.

In September, 1986 Government of India notified *inter alia* revised scales of pay for different grades of teachers which are based on the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission.

Government of India has appointed an Empowered Committee which is examining the recommendations made by the National Commission on Teachers-I including the recommendations relating to the pay scales for the school teachers in the context of the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission. A decision in this regard is expected shortly.

Removal of public grievances at airports

2062. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to remove grievances of travelling public at airports by directing airport officers to be readily available at the airports;

(b) what steps have been taken recently to place responsibility on duty officers of the airports for proper maintenance and efficient functioning of airports in all aspects; and

(c) whether the regional airline committee have also been informed that amenities and facilities like transport, car parks, restaurants etc,